

641—108.3 (135) Eligibility criteria. To be eligible for a matching grant, a sponsor shall satisfy the following requirements and qualifications:

108.3(1) A sponsor shall be financially and organizationally responsible for a residency training program that is accredited by the ACGME or by the AOA.

108.3(2) A sponsor shall establish a dedicated fund to support a residency program. A sponsor funding residency positions in excess of the federal residency cap exclusive of funds provided under this program is deemed to have satisfied this requirement and shall be eligible for a matching grant equal to the amount of funds expended for such residency positions, subject to the limitation on the maximum award of grant funds specified in rule 641—108.4(135).

108.3(3) A sponsor shall demonstrate through documented financial information that funds have been reserved and will be expended by the sponsor in the amount required to provide matching funds for each residency in the request for proposal for state matching funds. A sponsor shall document this requirement by providing with its request for proposal a signed, notarized statement of the organization's chief financial officer that such a fund exists, as well as what amounts of moneys have been set aside in this fund for purposes of supporting residency programs.

108.3(4) A sponsor shall demonstrate a need for such residency program in the state by providing with its request for proposal objective evidence of such need including:

- a.* Workforce data, including state and federal workforce data and data from tracking databases;
- b.* Population data, including community health needs assessments;
- c.* Supply and demand data, including health professional shortage area designations; and
- d.* Other related research including unique community- or state-level factors which establish a need for such residency program.

108.3(5) A sponsor shall submit with its request for proposal a recruitment and retention plan to encourage residents to enter practice in Iowa with a preference for health professional shortage areas and to demonstrate over time the impact on Iowa's workforce.